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March 5, 2004

**VIA UPS NEXT DAY AIR**

Vernon A. Williams  
Surface Transportation Board  
1925 "K" Street, N.W., Room 504  
Washington, DC 20423-0001

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**RE: Proposed Abandonment of the Sheffield Industrial Lead M.P. 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to M.P. 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa; STB Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 202X)**

Dear Mr. Williams:

Union Pacific Railroad Company ("Union Pacific") has received the attached request from the Iowa Trails Council dated March 3, 2004 for a 180 day extension in which to complete negotiations for the acquisition under the provisions 16 U.S.C. § 1247(d) and 49 C.F.R. § 1152.29 regarding that portion of the Union Pacific's right-of-way known as the Sheffield Industrial Lead from Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa to Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield Iowa, a distance of 5.9 miles in Franklin County, Iowa. That portion of the Line from Milepost 178.0 to Milepost 179.80 near Chapin, Iowa is being reclassified to industrial trackage for the benefit of the grain elevator at that location. Therefore, the Union Pacific is only willing to continue to negotiate with the Iowa Trails Council concerning the acquisition of the property for trail use from Milepost 173.90 near Sheffield, Iowa to Milepost 178.0 near Chapin, Iowa and supports the Council's request to negotiate for a period of 180 days with regard to that portion of the Line only. A copy of the Iowa Trails Council's request is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and hereby made a part hereof.

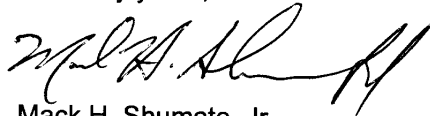
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Ten (10) additional copies of this letter with exhibits are enclosed for the Board's use and distribution.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mack H. Shumate, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mack H. Shumate, Jr.  
Senior General Attorney

Enclosures

cc: Brian O'Boyle <STB - Fax 202/565-9004>  
Iowa Trails Council



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Tom F. Neenana, Executive Director

March 3, 2004

Mr. Vernon Williams  
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Via FAX

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Dear Secretary Williams:

We are asking that we be granted another 180 day period in which to complete the negotiations for interim trail use of the railroad right-of-way designated as AB 33 (Sub No. 202X). This right-of-way extends from Coulter to Hampton in Franklin County, Iowa. It is 7.84 miles in length.

We were unable to complete the acquisition of this right-of-way for use as a trail within the first 180 days we were given but expect to complete our negotiations within the next 180 days, when we are hopeful sufficient funding will become available.

We are also sending a copy of this request by FAX to the Union Pacific Railroad offices in Omaha and Chicago and are sending ten copies by mail to you under separate cover.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom F. Neenan

Affiliates: American Discovery Trail Society-American Hiking Society-Rails/Trails Conservancy-American Trails

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